

## **Moran Announces Congressional Arts Competition Winners**

### *Winners Announced During Ceremony*

Washington, D.C. - Congressman Jerry Moran announced the winners of the Eighth Annual Congressional Arts Competition during a ceremony at the Hays Arts Council this weekend. Each year, high school students from across the First Congressional District submit artwork for judging. The winning piece will be on display in the U.S. Capitol for one year. In addition, the winning student will be invited to Washington, D.C. to take part in an awards ceremony with other students from across the nation.

This year's winner was JoAnna Hockersmith from Wheatland High School in Grainfield. The six runners-up were Jacob Wiard of Little River High School, Sandra Brown of Victoria High School, Lory Traugott of Smoky Valley High School in Lindsborg, Matt Worchester of Hill City High School, LeAnn Manhart of Wheatland High School in Grainfield and Ashley Mitchell of Great Bend High School.

The students receiving honorable mention were Aubony Chalfant of Hill City High School, Joshua Seier of Lucas-Luray High School, Elizabeth DeBusk of Hays High School, Emily Voight of Smoky Valley High School in Lindsborg and Nicole Kennedy of Great Bend High School. Matt Worchester of Hill City High School also received an honorable mention, and Jodi Zimmerman of Wheatland High School in Grainfield received two honorable mentions.

The winning student received \$400, and the six runners-up received \$100 each. Sponsors for this year's event were the Hays Kiwanis, A-1 Plank and Scaffold, and the Kansas Arts Commission. The judges for competition were Ron Michael from the Birger Sandzen Art Gallery in Lindsborg and Michael Jilg from Fort Hays State University.

All entries will be on display from March 27 until April 22 at the Hays Arts Council, 112 East 11<sup>th</sup> Street in Hays.

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